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On Sept. 24, the first day of the annual "Week of the Press," Costa Rican journalists requested that the government expedite procedures to ask Washington for the extradition of fugitive John Hull. Hull was indicted in the May 30, 1984, La Penca bombing which caused the deaths of three reporters, and injuries to another 10. The journalists had traveled to La Penca, near the Nicaraguan border, to interview Eden Pastora, then leader of a group of Nicaraguan contras. In contrast to other contra combatant organizations, Pastora was opposed to CIA direction and involvement in the "contra cause." After posting bail, Hull fled the country in 1989. A citizen of both the US and Costa Rica, Hull is reportedly residing in Indiana. (Basic data from AFP, 09/24/90)

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